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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Docket No: FAA-2011-0786

Deadline for Notification of Intent to Use the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Primary, Cargo, and Nonprimary Entitlement Funds for Fiscal Year 2012.

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces **May 1, 2012**, as the deadline for each airport sponsor to notify the FAA whether or not it will use its fiscal year 2012 entitlement funds available under Section 47105(f) of Title 49, United States Code, to accomplish Airport Improvement Program (AIP)-eligible projects that the sponsor previously identified through the Airports Capital Improvement Plan (ACIP) process during the preceding year.

This notice must address **all** entitlement funds apportioned for fiscal year 2012. After Friday, August 10, 2012, the FAA will carry over all remaining

entitlement funds, and the funds will not be available again until at least the beginning of fiscal year 2013. This notification requirement does not apply to non-primary airports covered by the block-grant program.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Frank J. San Martin, Manager, Airports Financial Assistance Division, APP-500, on (202) 267-3831.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title 49 of the United States Code, section 47105(f), provides that the sponsor of each airport to which funds are apportioned shall notify the Secretary by such time and in a form as prescribed by the Secretary, of the sponsor's intent to apply for its apportioned funds, also called entitlement funds. Therefore, the FAA is hereby notifying sponsors about steps required to ensure that the FAA has sufficient time to carryover and convert remaining entitlement funds, due to processes required under federal and local laws. This notice applies only to those airports that have had entitlement funds apportioned to them, except those nonprimary airports located in designated Block Grant States. Sponsors intending to apply for any of their available entitlement funds, including those unused from prior years, shall submit by 12:00 p.m. prevailing local time on Tuesday, **May 1, 2012**, a written indication to the designated Airports District Office (or Regional Office in regions without Airports District Offices) their intent to submit a grant application no later than close of business Friday, August 10, 2012, to use their fiscal year 2012 entitlement funds available under

Title 49 of the United States Code, section 47105(f). This notice must address all entitlement funds apportioned for fiscal year 2012. By Friday July 13, 2012, airport sponsors that have not yet submitted a final application to the FAA, should notify the FAA of any issues with meeting the final application deadline of August 10, 2012. Absent notification by the May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline and/or subsequent notification of any issues by the July 13<sup>th</sup> deadline, the FAA will proceed after Friday, August 10, 2012 to take action to carry over all remaining entitlement funds without further notice, and the funds will not be available again until at least the beginning of fiscal year 2013.

This notice is promulgated to expedite and prioritize the grant-making process.

The AIP grant program is operating under the requirements of Public Law No. 112 – 91 (Feb. 14, 2012), the “FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012,” enacted on February 14, 2012, which amends 49 U.S.C. § 48103, to extend AIP through **September 30, 2015**.

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